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Another source of significant revenues for the Commonwealth are the commissions earned on inmates' use of telephones statewide. The DOC transfers all of this revenue to the Commonwealth's general fund. Revenues for FY 1999-2001 are lower than in FY 1998 because of reduced surcharge and commission rates. (On January 1, 1998 the surcharge exacted by MCI was reduced from \$3.00 per call to \$2.25 per call, and the DOC commission rate was reduced from 50% to 39%. The original contract expired December 31, 1998. A new contract, with a renegotiated \$2.45 per-call surcharge and 40.5% commission rate, went into effect January 1, 1999.)

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